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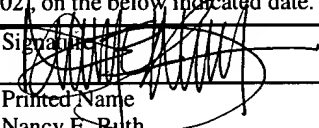
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Sir:

Please amend **Figure 6** as shown in the accompanying drawing showing the changes maker in RED. Figure 6 has been amended to add the "microstructure sealing surfaces" identified in claims 16 and 34. Figure 6 has been amended to add "microstructure sealing surfaces" as element 254. Attached hereto is a copy of Figure 6 with the additions marked in red. Support for this amendment can be found in claims 16 and 34 and in the specification on page 10, lines 15 - 19. Further, microstructure sealing surfaces are well known in the art. No new matter has been added.

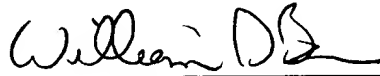
Please add **Figure 8** as shown in the accompanying drawing. Figure 8 has been added to illustrate an "elastic band at least partially extending along an opposed rim portion." Attached hereto is a copy of Figure 8 with the additions marked in red. Support for this amendment can be found in claim 15 and in the specification on page 10,

line 10. The "elastic band" is illustrated in Figure 8 as element 256. Further, elastic bands are well known in the art. No new matter has been added.

Please add **Figure 9** as shown in the accompanying drawing. Figure 9 has been added to illustrate a "latch means." The "latch means" is illustrated in Figure 9 as element 258. Support for this amendment can be found in claim 15 and in the specification on page 10, line 10. Further, latches are well known in the art. No new matter has been added.

Please add **Figure 10** as shown in the accompanying drawing. Figure 10 has been added to illustrate "a full body respiratory suit" as element 260. Support for this amendment can be found in claim 40 and in the specification on page 5, line 21 – 26. Further, full body respiratory suits are well known in the art. No new matter has been added.

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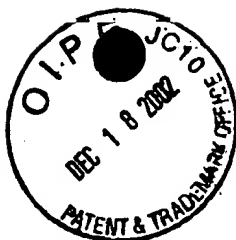
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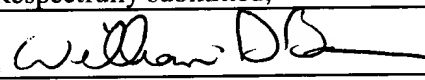
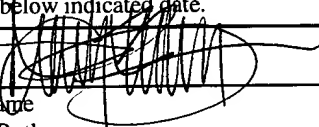
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